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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the official action mailed December 15, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 15, 2005.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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issues in connection with the drawings as filed.

An earnest and thorough effort has been made to respond to all issues raised in the Official Action and place this application in condition for allowance. If, upon consideration of this paper, the Examiner believes that issues remain which could be resolved by telephone interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss same.

It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this response. If, however, any fee or fee deficiency is due, please charge same to deposit account 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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